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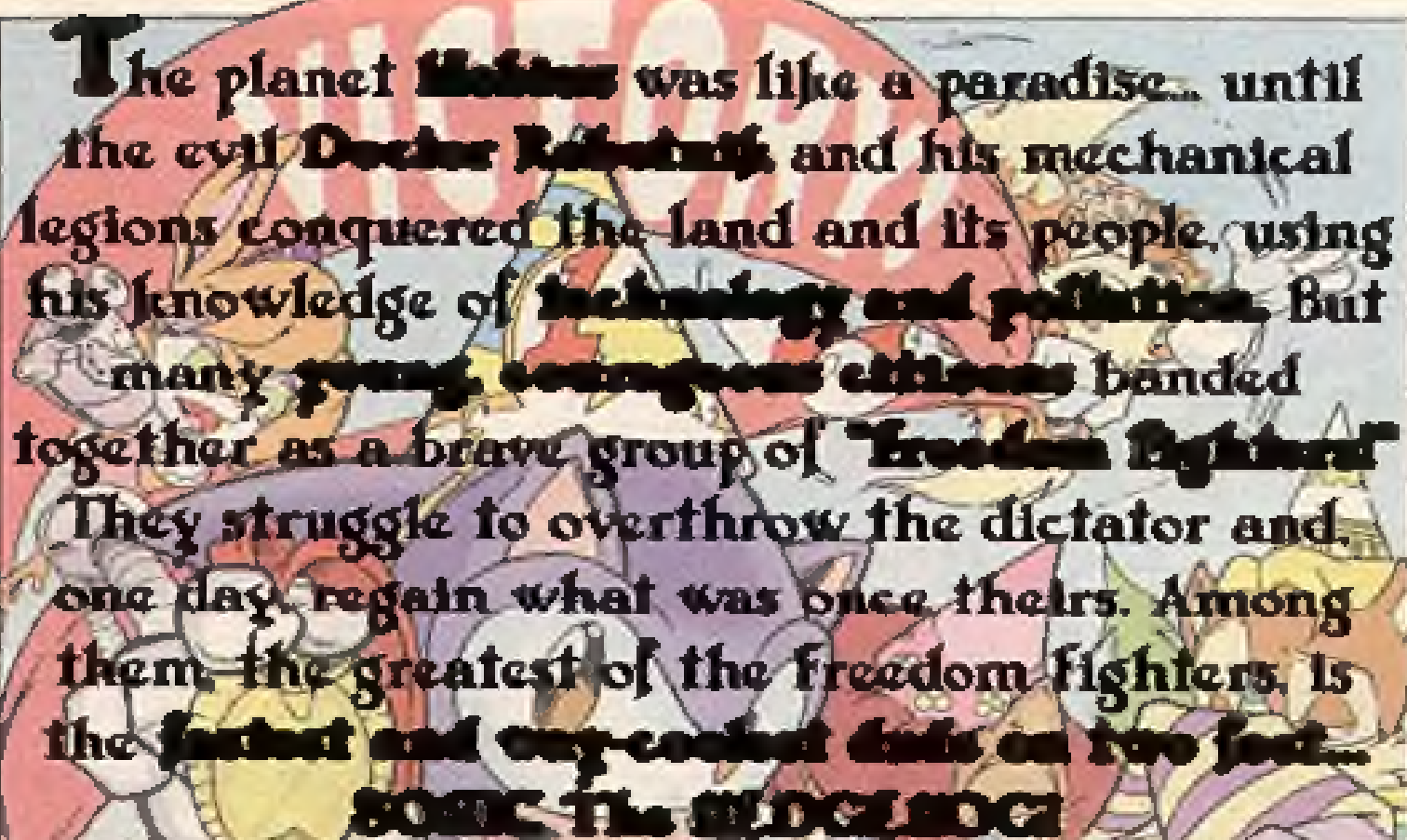
THE EDGEHOG

VICTORY!



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The planet ~~Mobius~~ was like a paradise... until the evil ~~Doctor Robotnik~~ and his mechanical legions conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of ~~technology and pollution~~. But many ~~young, courageous citizens~~ banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and, one day, regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the freedom fighters, is the ~~fastest and coziest dude on two feet~~... **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

But now, with Robotnik's seeming ~~downfall~~, the freedom-fighting band of ~~hot-flicking rebels~~ who brought an end to his tyrannical reign of ~~techno-terror~~ can finally enjoy a ~~long-awaited peace~~... or can they? Read closely, ~~speed freaks~~ 'cause only **Sonic The Hedgehog** can answer that question for you!

The ~~celebration~~ is already underway! Let's join the Freedom Fighters as they corner ~~Sonic~~ away from the other villagers.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

reality BYTES

THE TIME: THE NIGHT OF ROBOTNIK'S DEFEAT.

THE PLACE: KNOTHOLE VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTER COMPOUND.

THE OCCASION: WHY NOT CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF?

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY OUR WHOLE LIVES, SONIC! AND IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!

PART I

IM SPEECHLESS, SAL! THIS CELEBRATION IS WAY COOL! BUT WHY AREN'T WE CELEBRATING WITH THE REST OF THE VILLAGE AT THE MEETING AREA?



DON'T YOU KNOW?
OR MAYBE YOU'RE NOT
AS **SWIFT** AS YOU'D
LIKE EVERYONE TO
THINK, SONIC!



OR MAYBE MY
NEPHEW'S BEEN SO
TIRED AFTER FINALLY
DEFEATING
ROBOTNIK...



...THAT HE
HASN'T HAD A
MOMENT TO
SLOW DOWN!

I THINK THE
PRINCESS HAS PULLED
ANOTHER FAST ONE
ON YOU, SONIC!

UNCLE
CHUCK! WHAT
THE **HECK**
IS GOING
ON?



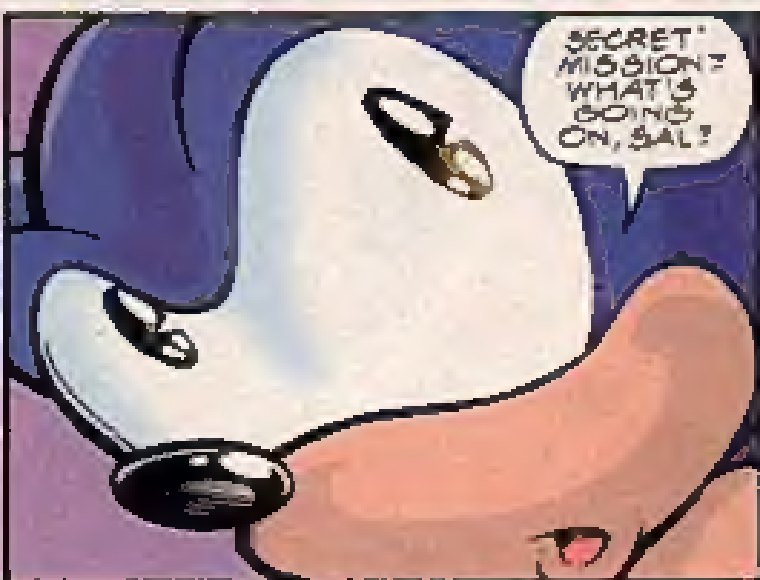
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THIS VICTORY BASH IS
WAY FAST COOL!

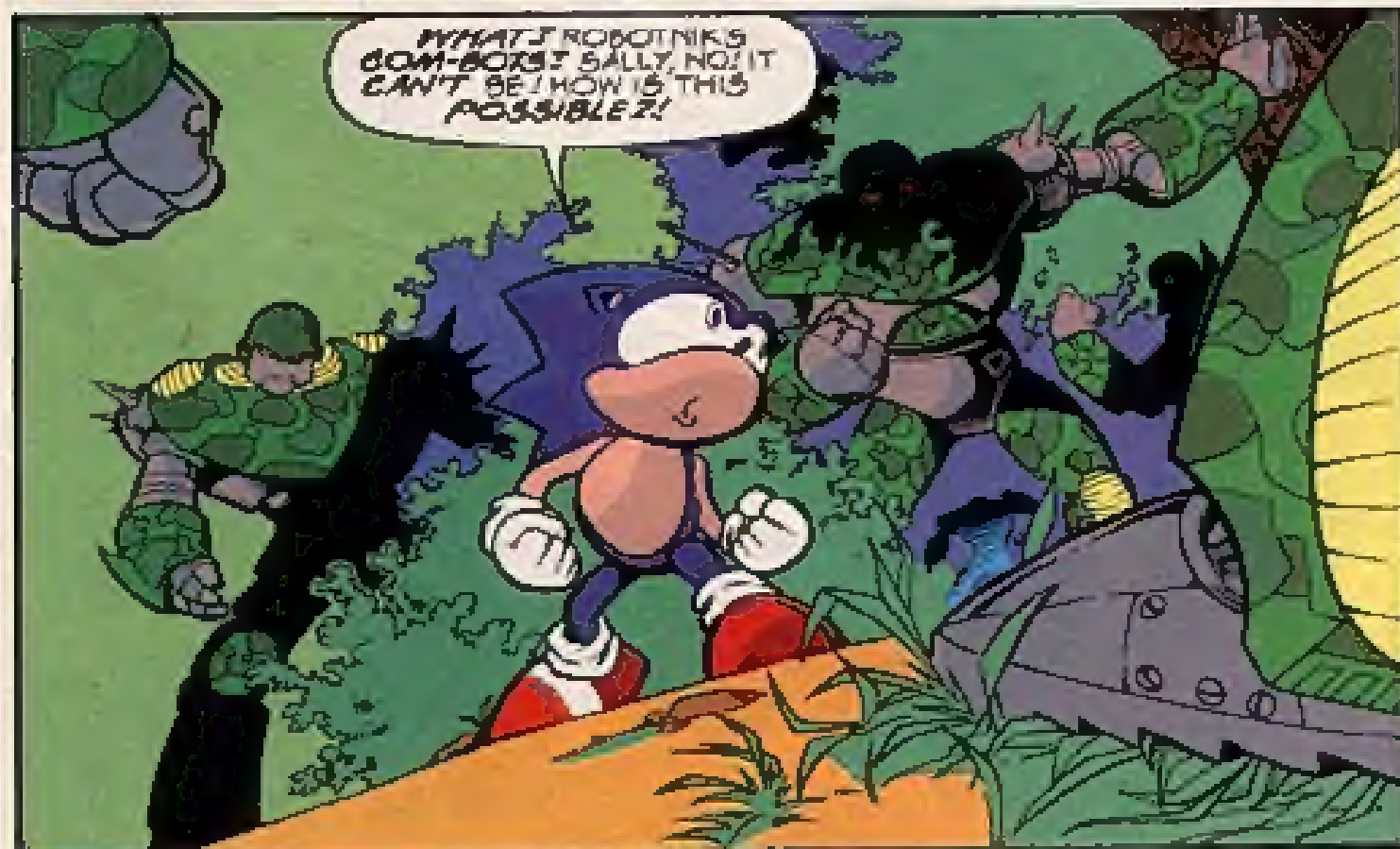


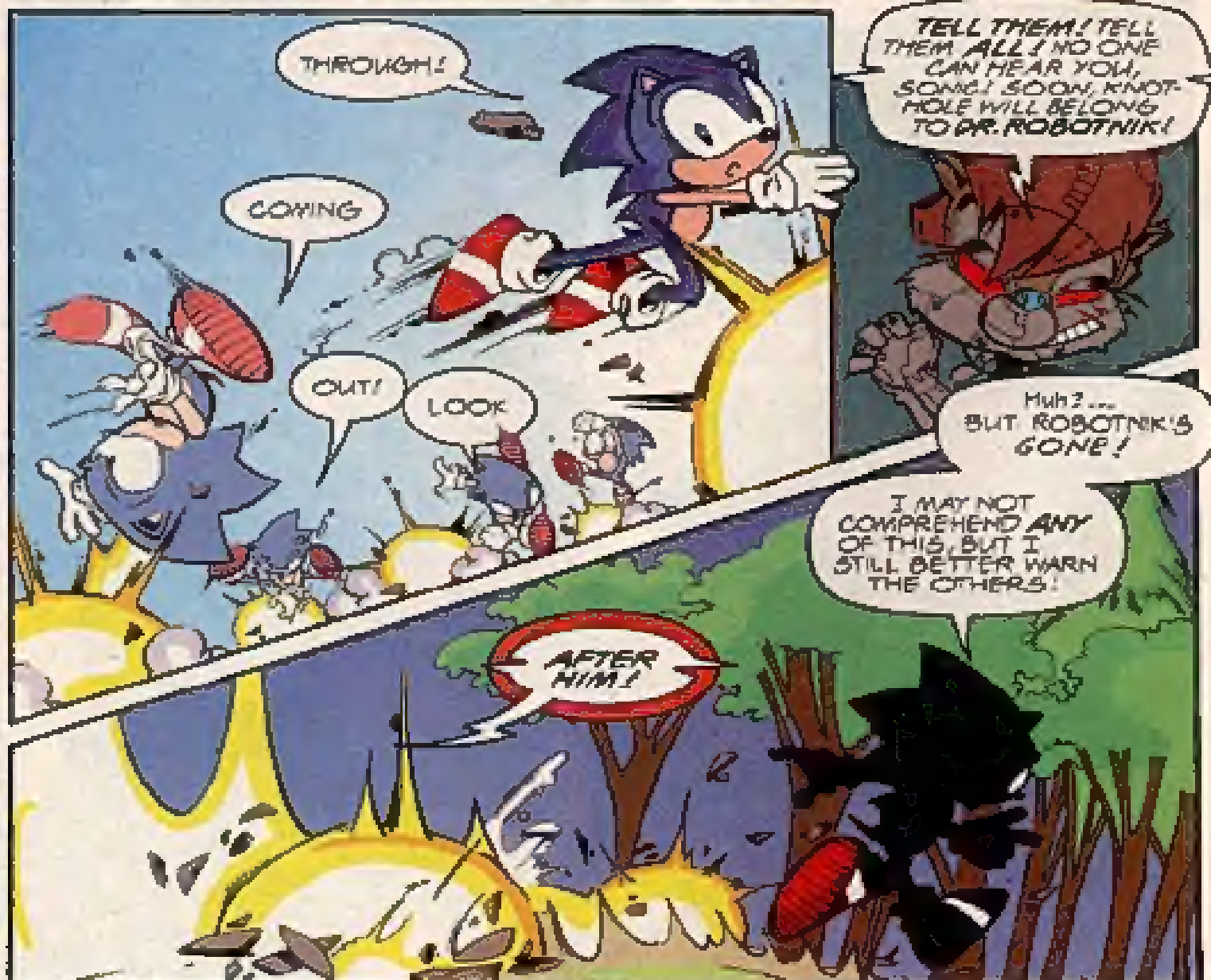
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
FOR YOUR **OUTSTANDING**
BRAVERY, BOLD COURAGE
AND STRONG LEADERSHIP...

...THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS...

...AWARD
YOU!







SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

reality BYTES

PART 2

TAILS!

HOLD TIGHT,
SONIC! THESE
CREEPS MEAN
BUSINESS!

HASTA
LA VISTA,
MEE STAH!

THE BAD NEWS IS SOMEONE'S
TAKEN OVER OL' ROBOTNIK'S SPOT
AND ROBOTICIZED SALLY! THE
WORSE NEWS IS THAT THEY'RE
HEADED FOR KNOTHOLE!

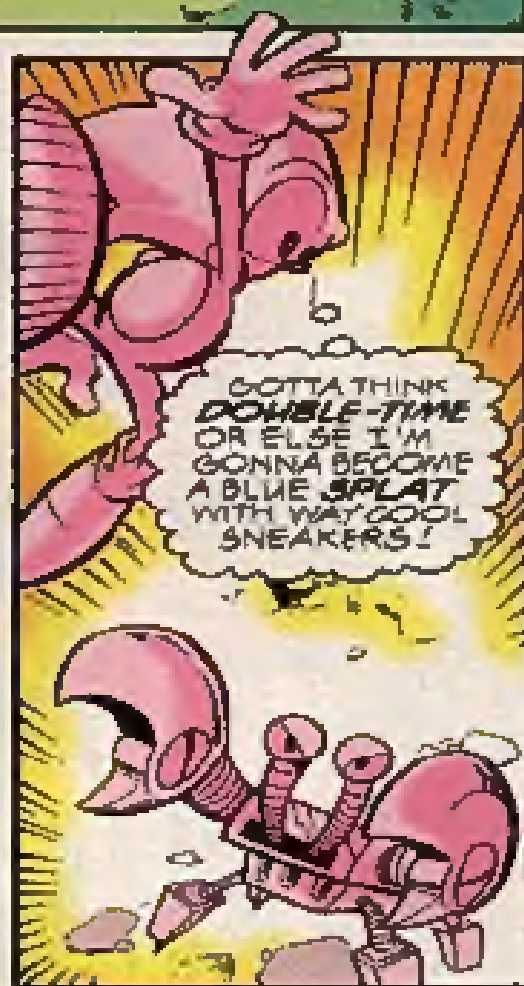
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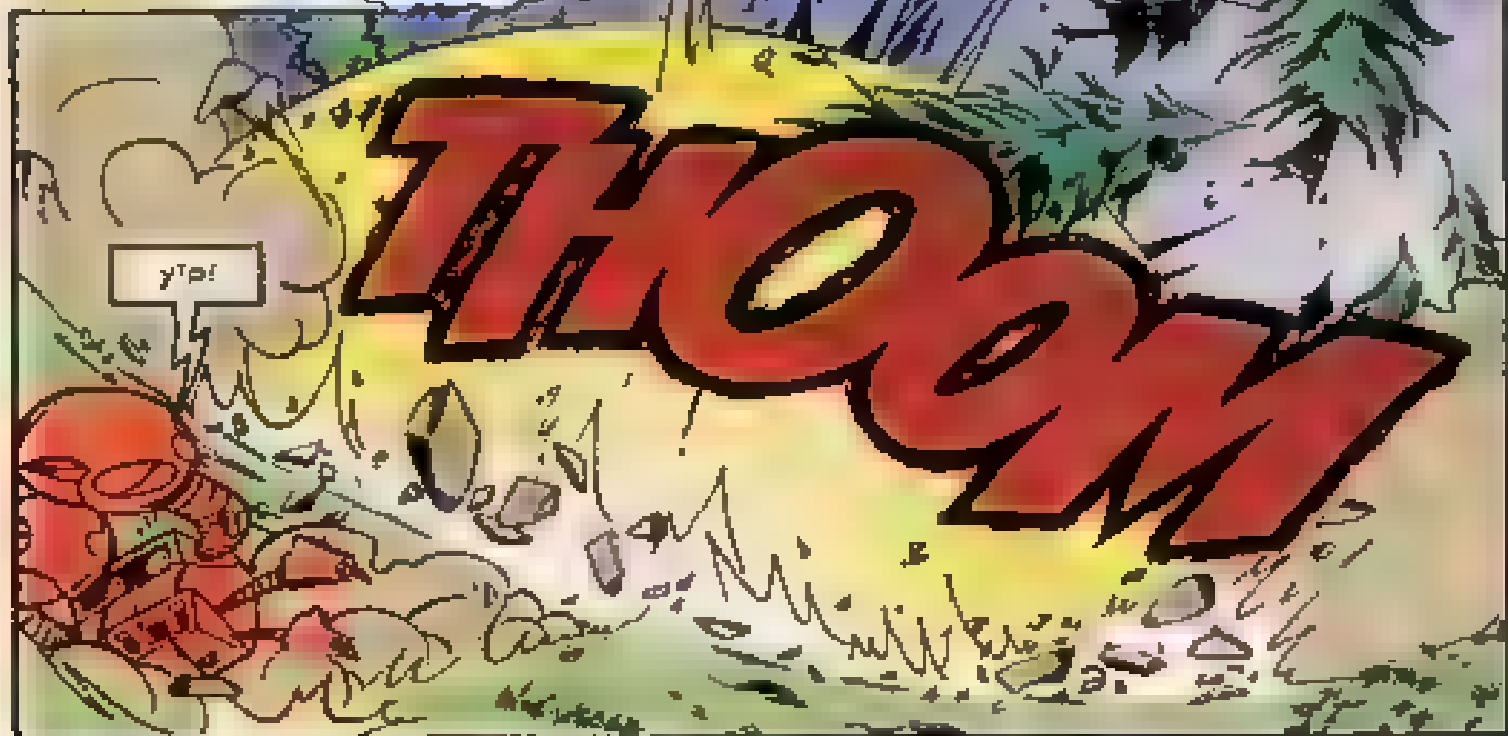
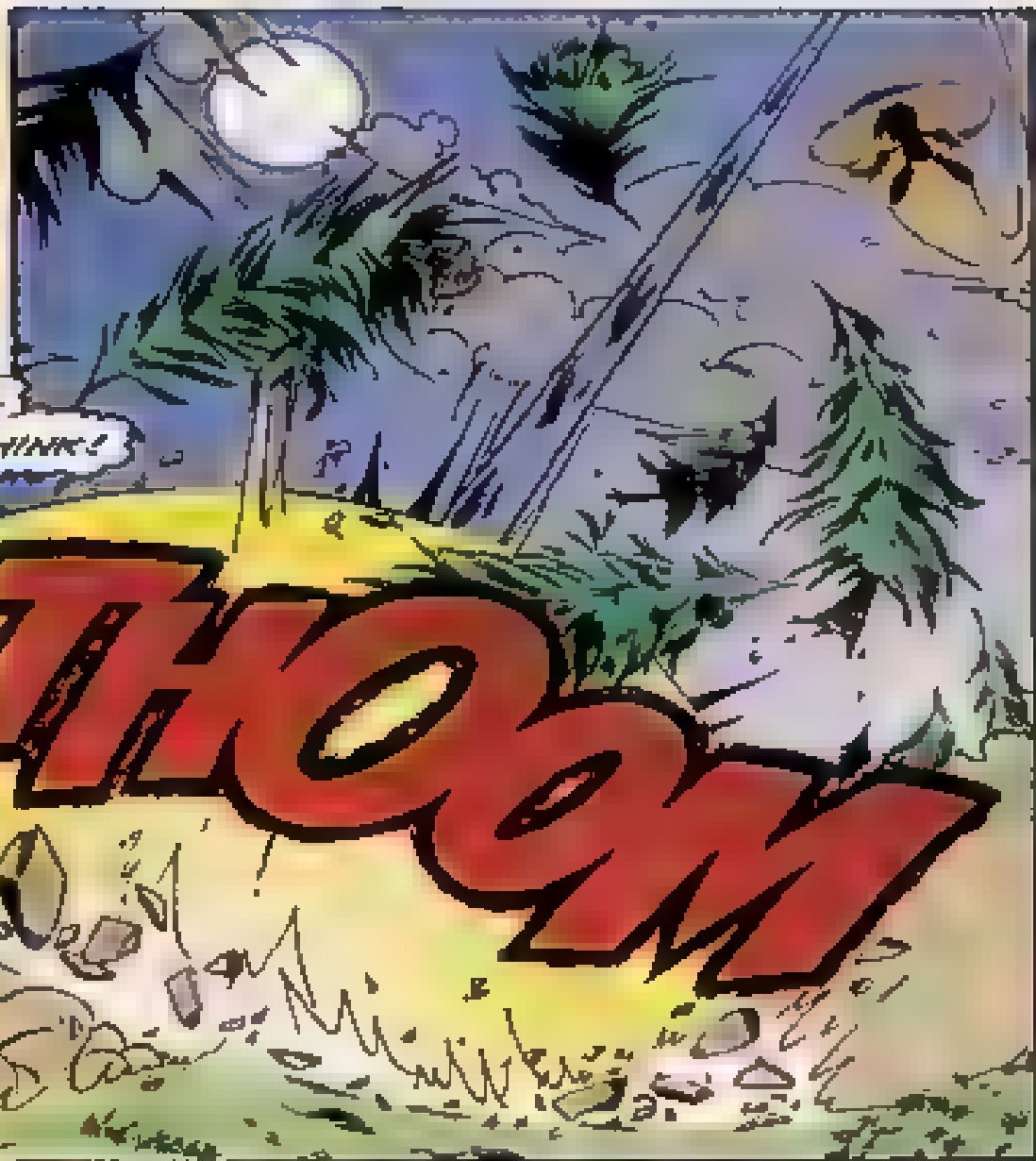
WELL, WELL,
WELL... IF IT ISN'T
LAST YEAR'S
MODEL OF
ROBOTNIK'S
MUTANT
DRAGONFLIES...

"...COMPLETE
WITH SOME-OLD
AFTERBURNERS..."

"...NO-LONGER-STATE-
OF- THE-ART LASER
CANNONS..."

"...AND A DEEP-
ROOTED HATRED
OF HEDGEHOGS!"





SO THIS SOMEONE'S
GOT TO TALK TOO, HUH?
WELL, THEY ALL FORGOT
ABOUT THE OL'
TRIPLE S!

AND AFTER ALL,
UNDERGROUND IS A
HEDGEHOG'S NATURAL
HABIT--

WHAT THE HECK
S HAPPENING TO
ME? FIRST, MY BEST
FRIENDS BETRAY
ME--

--NOW I
KEEP SEEING
VISIONS
OF UNC!

IT'S GOT TO
BE ANOTHER TRICK!
I WON'T LOOK!

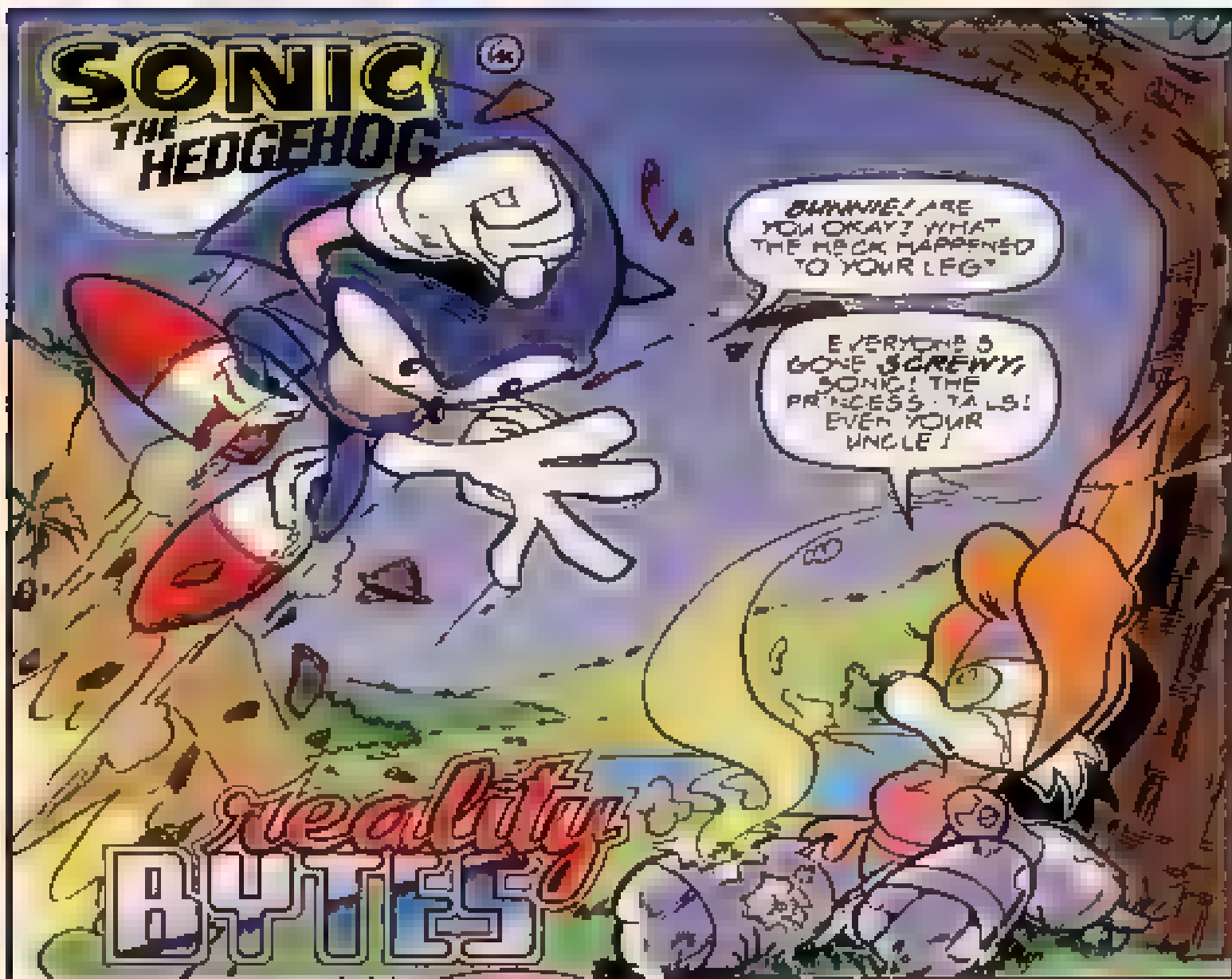
GOTTA
KEEP GOING
ON!

VROOOO

IF MY
CALCULATIONS
ARE RIGHT, I
SHOULD COME
UP NEAR THE
HOT SPRING!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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BUNNIE! ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOUR LEG?

EVERYONE'S GONE SCREWY! SONIC! THE PRINCESS TALKS! EVEN YOUR UNCLE!

Reality BYTES

(PART 3)



YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME! HERE, CAN YOU WALK ON IT?

I THINK SO...



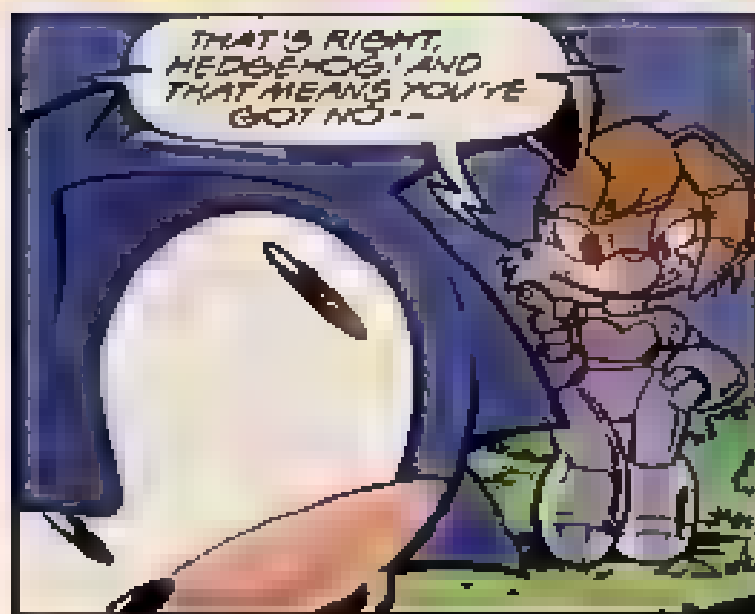
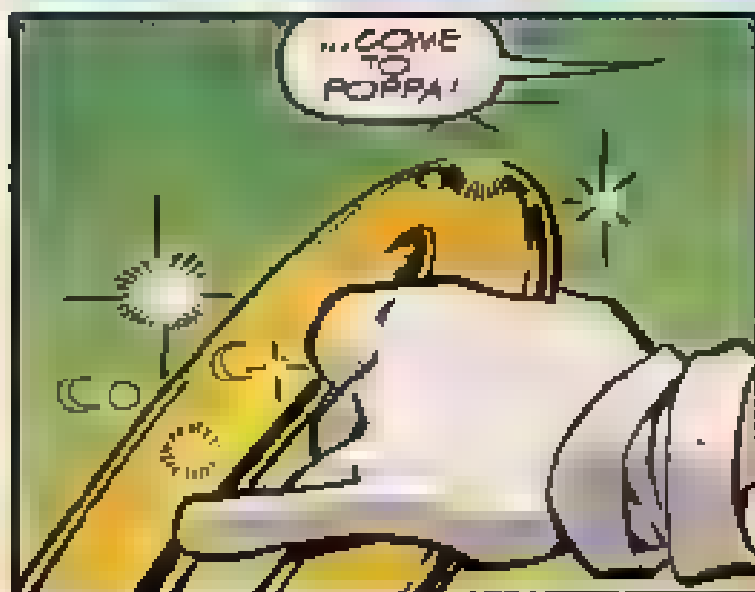
A HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF YOUR UNCLE JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND SHOT LASER BEAMS AT ME!

BUT WAIT!



I SAW THE SAME PROJECTION A MINUTE AGO! HOW COULD I HAVE ATTACKED YOU JUST NOW?





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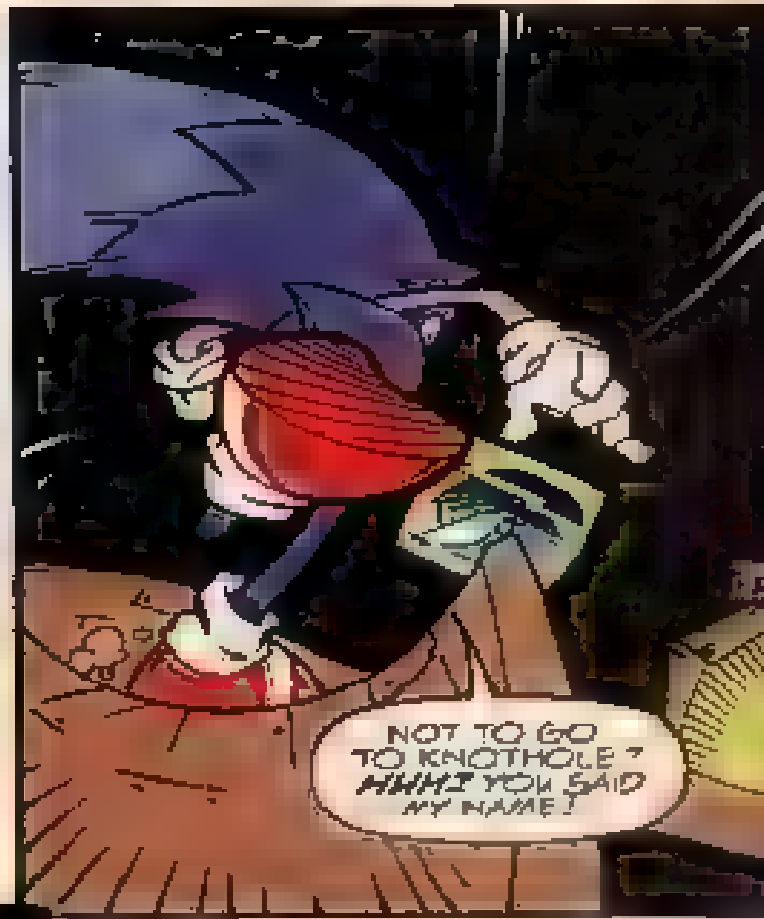
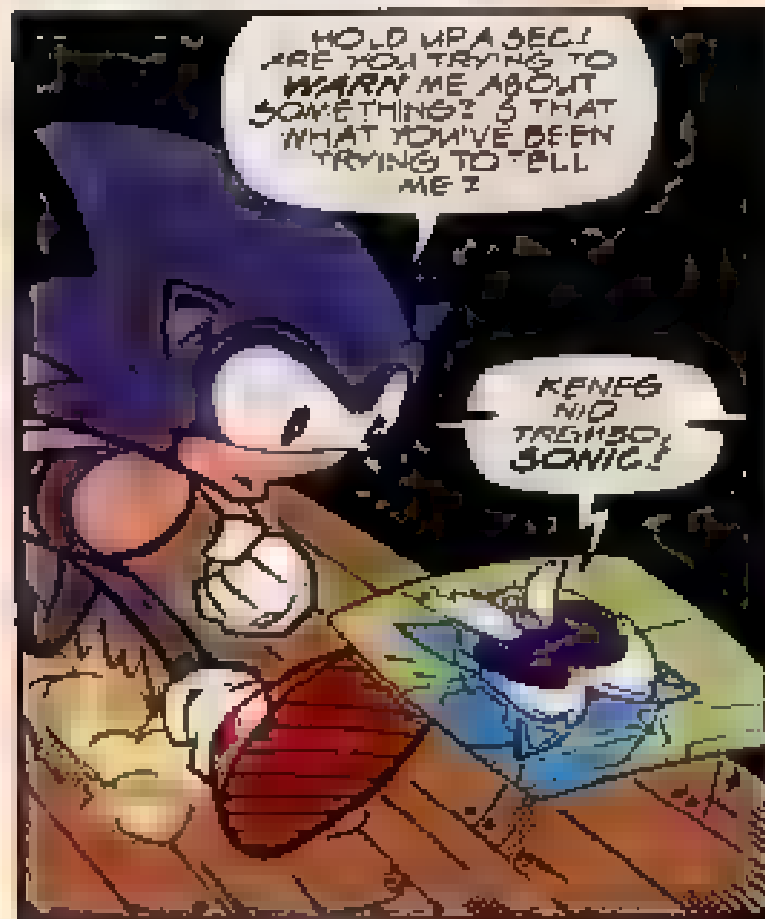
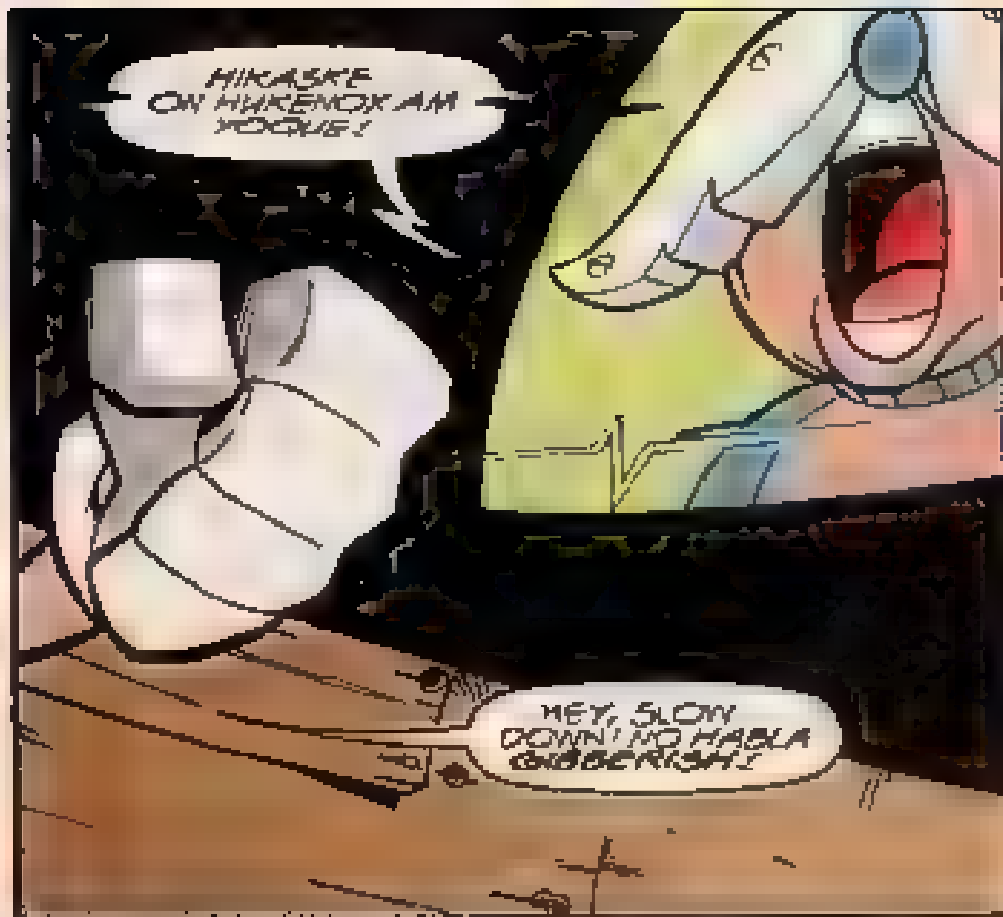
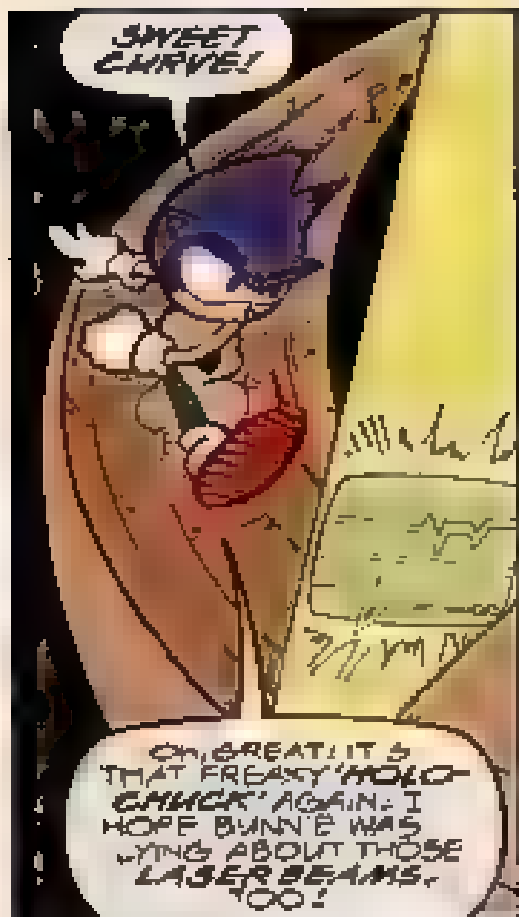


MINUTES
LATER...

FINALLY
MADE IT! AT LAST!
KNOTHOLE!

IT SEEMED LIKE
EVERYONE AND THEIR
ROBOT DUPLICATE
HAS TRIED TO STOP ME
FROM GETTING HERE!
WELL, HERE GOES
SOMETHIN'!

THE
FLY
DIP!



FAN ART

SONIC



Sherry
Borkdale



Jolie
"Mysteria"
Blythe
Johnson City, TN



Russell Leachy
Perth,
Western
Australia

Rachel
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Pittsburg, CA
Age 11

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Central Asia. North America

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THE HEDGEHOG

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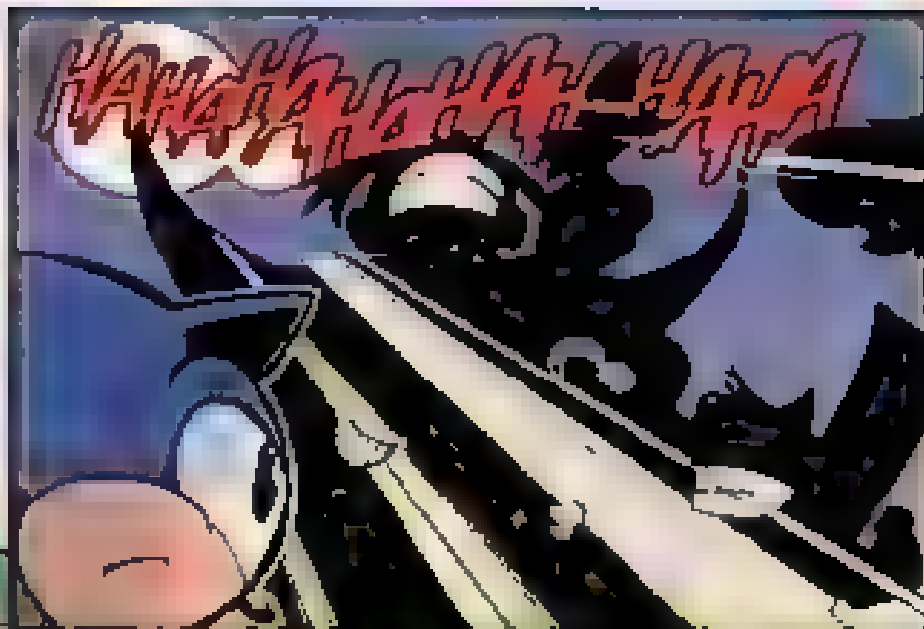
PART 4



WIDOWS
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AM SONG. I'VE WAITED FOR THIS
MOMENT A LONG TIME. I FINALLY
HAVE KNOTHOLE...

...AND NOW I'VE
CAPTURED YOU AS WELL
DESPITE YOUR FAINT
EFFORTS. HOW DOES
IT FEEL TO HAVE EGGS
ON YOUR FACE?



WHATEVER YOUR
PLAN IS BUTTNK IT
WON'T WORK AND BAD
PLANS WON'T HELP
YOU EITHER

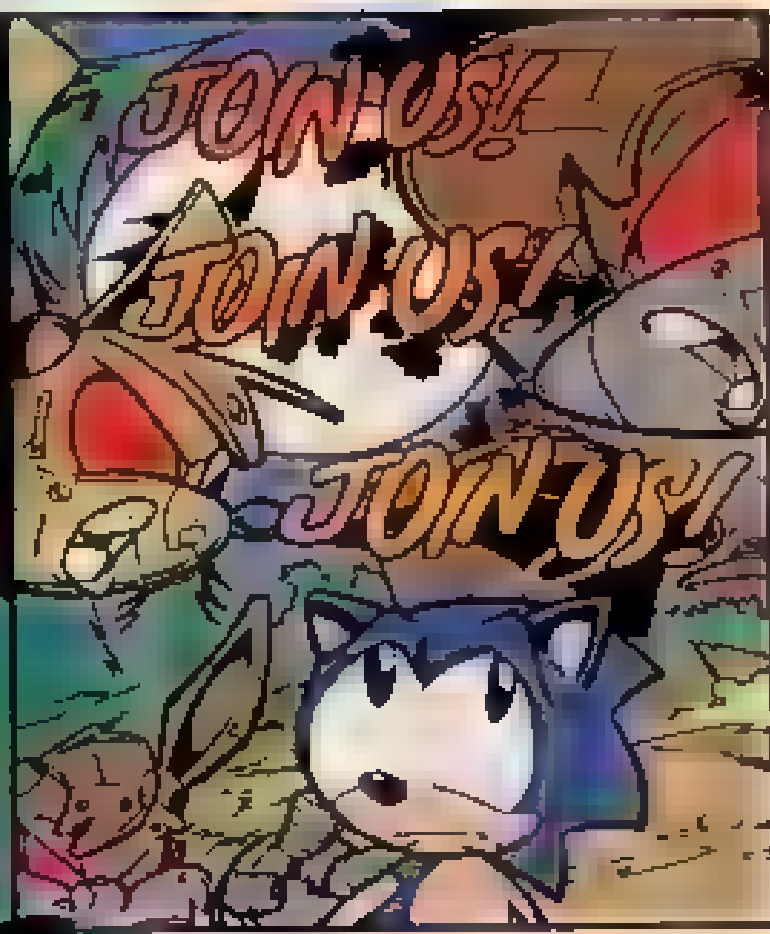


IT SEEMS THAT
OUR SPIKEY FRIEND
ISN'T WILLING TO
ACCEPT REALITY!
I HEAR WHAT'S SO
HARD TO SWALLOW?



EVEN ALL OF YOUR
FRIENDS HAVE SEEN
THE GUY.





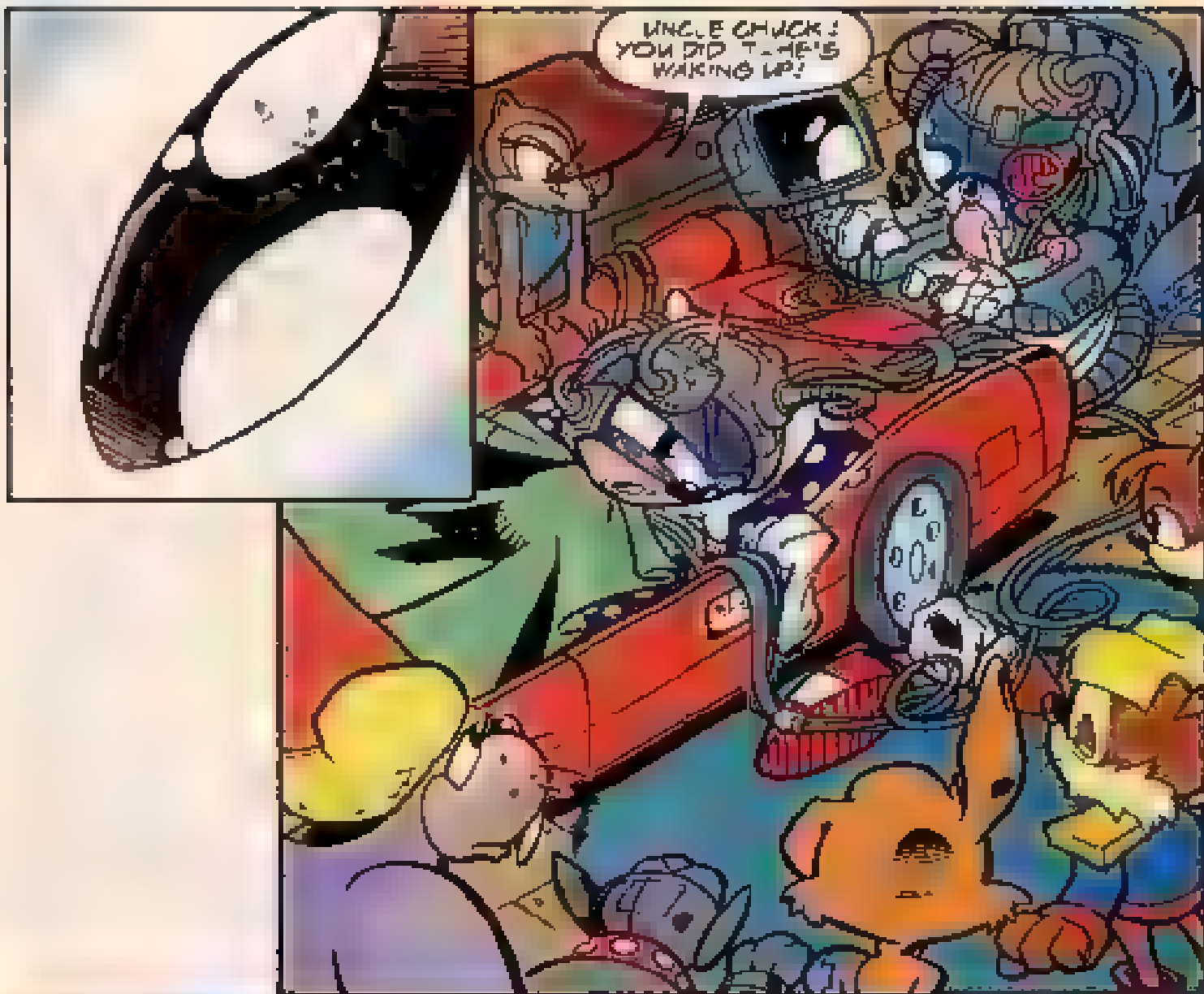
LIKE, THIS ISN'T
REGISTERING ON THE
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ALL! BETRAYED BY MY
BEST FRIENDS WHILE
BUTTNIK OVERTAKES
KNOTHOLE!

SOMETHING...

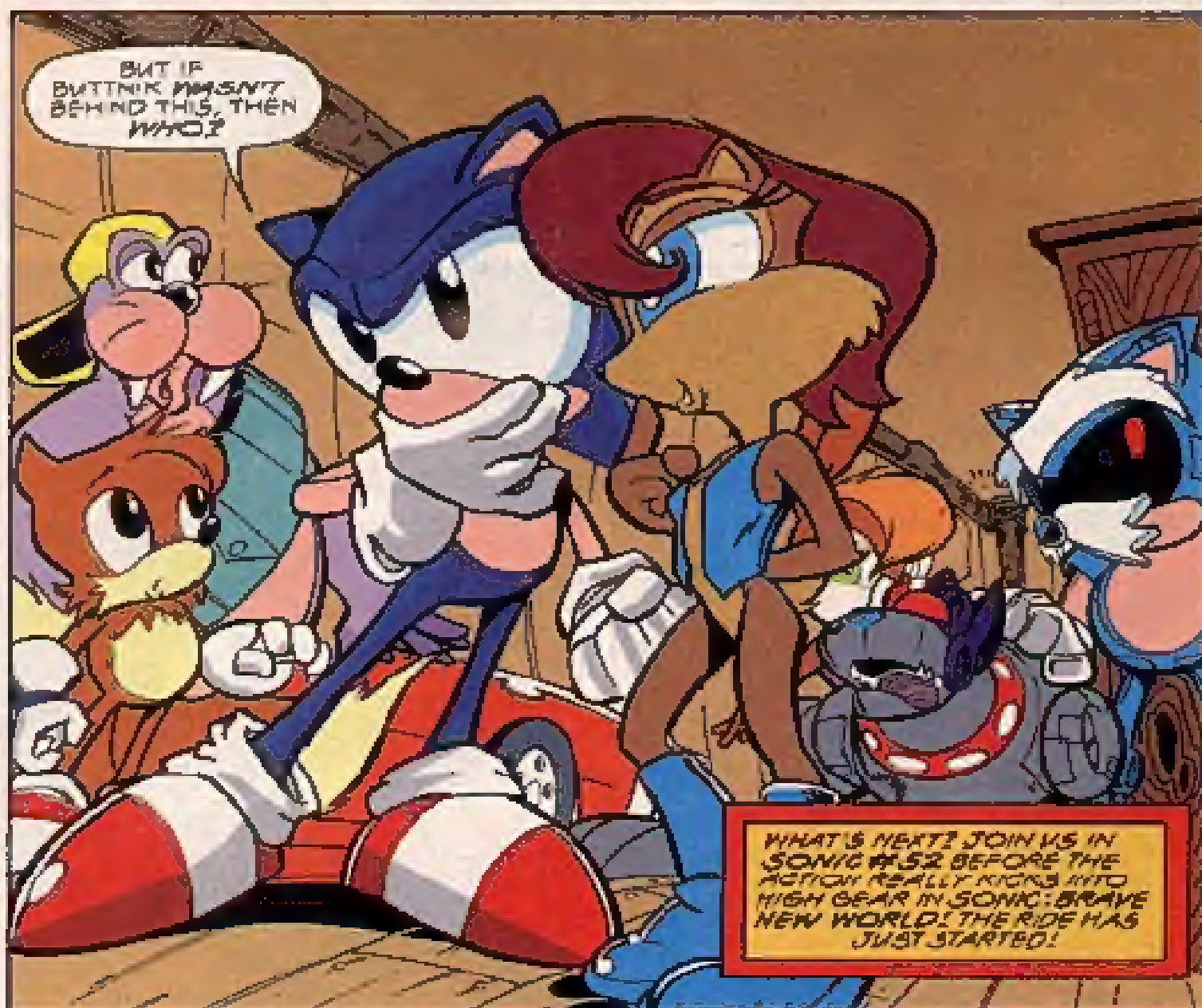
...JUST...

...ISN'T...









SONIC-GRAMS

A. Freely-Given
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

Lots of Sonic & Knuckles news so let's get right to it:



KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA DO
ON SALE AUGUST 1997

Less of stuff is happening on Mobius. Robotnik is gone— who knows where? Surely is still at large. Knuckles is in his own pocket most three hours into the future. (The only way in and out is through the great salt side.) All of Robotnik's sub-bosses are trying to hold on to the power over their land. Some of them want what Robotnik had: power over the entire planet of Mobius. You thought The Freedom Fighters had it tough while Robotnik was in charge? Like the man said, "You ain't seen nothing, yet!"

Two great stories appear next month!

A *continuation* of "The Lost Paradise" storyline that includes even more secrets beginning to unravel! Knuckles and his fellow echidnas are faced with a life and death situation that will have an effect on the future of Echidnapolis no matter what happens! Written by Ken Penders. Art by Manny Galan and Andrew Popey. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #6** is on sale August '97!



SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG #52
ON SALE AUGUST 1997

Take a walk on the wild side with Sonic as he steps into a zone that may be new for yourself. Written by Tom Reelston. Art by Manny Galan and Jim Amash. Also meet some of the other Freedom Fighters of Mobius in this bonus story by Karl Bollers with art by Art Hawthornsey and Jim Amash. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #52** is on sale August '97!

The first in a series of quarterly specials!



SONIC SUPER
SPECIAL #1
A BRAVE NEW WORLD
ON SALE SEPTEMBER 1997

This one has it all, fans. The Freedom Fighters send into Robotropolis to assess the amount of damage done to their former city of Mobotropolis. But what kind of surprises await them? And are they friendly or deadly? Also, witness Sonic meet — oh, oh, oh — that would be telling. All we can say is that no Sonic fan would want to miss this issue! Story and art by Ken Penders. **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #1: A BRAVE NEW WORLD** is on sale September '97!

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Sonic's back on the letter page, and thank you! I know Justice, Tails and Shadow took care of you while I was -absent- away, but "there ain't nothing like the real thing, baby!" So let's get this show on the road...

Dear Sonic,

We are cool

James Murphy (Age 9)
Chaska, IL

So are you, Editorial!

Dear Sonic-Guns,

Why is go on since 1940? Why did they for the Italian Island, Monticelli? Can't wait for Shadow's wife to get under way? Sally and Tails should have been in baby. Anyway, you've got an excited and surprised to learn #50, I think is the best that this is not to be the biggest and best Sonic story to date. Guaranteed that it was in the list (I don't like the way "End Game" much.) Please pay my compliments to him. He really drew Sonic with a homage to his Japanese origin under the beautiful mind of the great Hajime.

Sonic-only,

Grant Gibson

The Grant Gibson, ah! Now that's original. As you can see, #50 was not the last Sonic story, but I think it was one of the biggest and best. Of course, we're just getting warmed up. Stick around, Mr. Gibson (may I call you Grant?), as future issues keep you as concerned and excited as last issue did.

Dear Sonic The Meddler,

I've just read SONIC #46 & was awed by how I thought the "evil" Sonic and Shadow was just Robotnik's other dimension. It is so cool to see him so powerful and evil! And I think you and Archie should fight more often, but always have fun with his "I got it" man.

Kathie Park (Age 12)
Los Angeles, CA

Thanks there, Shadow.
The next letter is about the SONIC LIVES Special #3...

Dear Sonic Girl,

Wow, my Sonic live #1 was so cool I loved it! Although I thought Sonic would have been called him our dream, you instead of love and justice (you love). I hope you plan to make a sequel. It's about time Larry likes and Cyril made major appearances. One of you said to do a go to and Cal in a story as well. Goodbye! I was my favorite, mostly because it was drawn by Pat Sparrow himself. Good one time...

Kathie & Rivers
Lorain, OH

Larry and Cyril are cool, aren't they? You'll be surprised to know that plans are already in the works for the return of Al and Cal (from SONIC #52) later this year. Though I got to tell you, you've never seen Al and Cal this way before. Read future Sonic-Guns for more details as they come.



Dear Sonic,

My name is James and I live in Texas in town #41. I like it when "evil" Sonic says "Get out of my way, y'punk!" and then looks to Shadow and says those questions: 1) What's Robotnik made out of? 2) Why is that road in the sky? 3) What

kind of Robotnik are in relation you? (I don't know #39 yet) Did you know I call Robotnik "to-ban-ah," and in your past video game "Sonic 2" I could get to the last level from the Ultra Sonic rock, could you teach me that for just being #40, it's in using you!

James Ingram

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What's Robotnik made out of? However, never thought about that. What are you made out of? 2) The road in the sky isn't a road and that's not a sky, it's the Gamma Interstate. It takes you into all the different Sonic realities. However, it doesn't take you into different zones. 3) Robotnik used his patented robotnikism on me. It wasn't pretty.

The following is an excerpt from a Sonic internet-chat in which James P. Larn said:

"Then, I wonder if I DO GIVE all honor to 'Young Lady' you know, who lady taking under to achieve being you. But why do you're #50 is cool, but don't be one of the way."

James was the first one who guessed right. Doctor Doom kept Sally in that "sleeping spell" condition, not only so Sally could heal properly, but also to convince Robotnik that she did die just the way he planned it. Unfortunately, everyone else was just as convinced. Her "spell" was broken by a kiss from her true love. Take a bow, James.

See
you in
thirty!